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TAGS: SOPN

SUBJECT:AP WIREPHOTO CAPTION ALLEGING U.S. TROOPS IN
RHODESIA

1. SUNDAY, MARCH 21, EDITIONS OF MEXICO CITY DAILIES
EL SOL AND EL UNIVERSAL CARRIED ASSOCIATED PRESS
WIREPHOTO PICTURING ALLEGED "FORMER U.S. MARINE
DRILL INSTRUCTOR...ONE OF THE ESTIMATED 150 U.S.
GI'S A RHODESIAN RECRUITING OFFICER SAID ARE
HELPING TO FIGHT BLACK NATIONALIST GUERRILLAS
SEEKING TO OVERTHROW THE WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENT."
EXCELSIOR ALSO PUBLISHED PICTURE BUT SPECIFIED
THAT THESE WERE EX-GI'S. EL SOL AND EL UNIVERSAL
PROVIDED DIFFERENT SPANISH TRANSLATION OF AP
CUTLINE TRANSMITTED IN ENGLISH, BUT IMPLICATION
IN BOTH WAS THAT U.S. TROOPS ARE FIGHTING IN
RHODESIA. IF AP HAD REPEATED WORD "FORMER" OR
USED "EX" BEFORE "U.S. GI'S" MISINTERPRETATION
MIGHT HAVE BEEN AVOIDED.

2. WHILE WE ARE TRYING TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT
HERE, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT SAME PHOTO AND CAPTION
MIGHT HAVE BEEN REPEATED WORLDWIDE AND LEAD TO WIDE
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MISCONCEPTION THAT U.S. TROOPS FIGHTING OR TRAINING
TROOPS IN RHODESIA. FINE LINE BETWEEN FORMER
GI'S AND THOSE STILL ON ACTIVE DUTY HAS BEEN BLURRED
BY THIS CAPTION.

3. DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO CALL THIS TO ATTENTION
OF AP AND REQUEST A CORRECTION. THOMPSON

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Message Attributes

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